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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	08/866,857	CORBOY, DAVID	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Cong-Lac Huynh	2178	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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**Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 February 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 122-165 and 174-181 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 174-178 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 122-165, 179-181 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. This action is responsive to communication: RCE filed 2/16/07 to the application filed on 05/30/97.
2. Claims 179-181 are added.
3. Claims 122-165, 174-181 are pending in the case. Claims 122, 157, 179 are independent claims. Claims 174-178 have been withdrawn during the prosecution.
4. The 101 rejections of claims 166-173 have been withdrawn in view of the cancellation of these claims.
5. The 112, first paragraph rejections of claims 124 and 130 have been withdrawn in view of applicant's arguments.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

6. Claims 122-165, 179-181 are allowed.
7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: streaming the multimedia document to a recipient for rendering the multimedia document according to the choreography information that includes a relative sequence specified by an author and indicating that the first and second multimedia objects are rendered progressively together over a common time period before all data slices of the first and second multimedia objects are received and the data slices of the third multimedia object are rendered after the rendering of the first and second multimedia objects, has not been disclosed in the prior art of record.

Note: The Examiner left messages to the attorney on 3/21/07 and 3/27/07 regarding the suggestion for canceling the withdrawn claims 174-178 but no response received. It is suggested that applicants cancel claims 174-178, which have been withdrawn during prosecution, to issue the notice of allowance.

***Conclusion***

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Spiero (US 5,796,785).

Nakakita et al. (US 6,061,820).

Nelson et al. (US 6,243,713).

Ledemann (US 6,278,784).

Yamauchi et al. (US 6,381,398).

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cong-Lac Huynh whose telephone number is 571-272-4125. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (8:30-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on 571-272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-4125.

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